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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3 to 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/276,670.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>4/29/04, 8/5/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

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Receipt is acknowledged of the information disclosure statements filed April 29, 2004 and August 5, 2004, which have been entered in the file.

Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 9 contains a spelling error "pahramaceutical" should be -pharmaceutical-. Appropriate correction is required.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent 60-208,971, cited.

The reference discloses the claimed compounds of the formula (1) wherein Het is an oxazole which is unsubstituted or substituted by alkyl, R¹ is phenyl which is optionally substituted by halogen, D is methylene and E is a group of the formula (4) wherein Y is sulfur, R³ is hydrogen or alkyl, R⁴ is hydrogen and Z is carboxy or carbamoyl. Note Examples 3, 7, 9, 11, 20 and 24.

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Claims 1 and 3 to 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Machin et al. (US 4774253), cited.

The reference discloses the claimed pharmaceutical compositions and compounds of the formula (1) wherein Het is an oxazole which is unsubstituted or substituted by alkyl, R¹ is phenyl which is optionally substituted by halogen, D is alkylene and E is a group of the formula (4) wherein Y is oxygen, R³ and R⁴ are alkyl and Z is carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl or carbamoyl. Note column 3, lines 20 to 50 and 53 to 66 and Examples 1-10, 22, 23, 25-33, A and B.

Claims 2 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The references made of record and not relied upon show the state of the art.

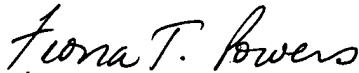
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fiona T. Powers whose telephone number is 571-272-0702. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph K. McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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